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1. SUMMARY: MISSION HAS LETTER FROM NICSMA REQUESTING SERVICES OF DCFO EMPLOYEE FOR APPROX ONE MONTH TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION DOCUMENTATION TO RENT TAPE AUTOMATIC RELAY EQUIPMENT (TARE) FOR HQ AFSOUTH. MISSION SEES CONFLICT WITH PROVISION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ESTABLISHING DCFO RELATION WITH NICSMA, ALSO BELIEVES ACTION COULD DETRACT FROM DCFO CAPABILITY TO PERFORM ASSIGNED TASKS AND MIGHT SET UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT ON NICSMA USE OF REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL (DDG) NICSMA. LETTER REQUESTS REPLY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

3. QUOTE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY, FOR THE USE OF ONE OF THE DCFO PERSONNEL FOR A NICS SPECIAL TASK.

4. QUOTE. ACOS CANDE SHAPE HAS REQUESTED DG NICSMA TO TAKE ACTION AT AN EARLY DATE PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT TARE AT AFSOUTH HEADQUARTERS IN NAPLES. A THOROUGH STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY NICSMA IN CONJUNCTION WITH SHAPE LEADING TO A DECISION BY ACOS CANDE THAT THE MOST FEASIBLE COURSE OF ACTION IS TO RENT A TARE AS AN INTERIM EXPEDIENT UNTIL THE NICS PRODUCTION MODEL BECOMES AVAILABLE.

5. QUOTE. WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION PRODUCED BY AFSOUTH WHICH CAN BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THE PROVISION OF A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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RENTAL EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER REVIEW OF THIS DOCUMENTATION REVEALS THAT AT LEAST THREE MAN-MONTHS OF EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO MODIFY IT AND CONVERT IT TO DOCUMENTATION SUITABLE FOR A RENTAL RFQ. DUE TO URGENT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IT IS NECESSARY

THAT THIS TASK BE EXECUTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. QUOTE. IF NICSMA WERE TO DIVERT ITS OWN MANPOWER TO THE PREPARATION OF THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE RENTAL PROJECT, AT THE TIME WHEN WE ARE COMPLETING THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR THE NICS TARE PROJECT, THE LATTER WOULD BE DELAYED. FURTHERMORE IT IS IMPRACTICABLE FOR US TO OBTAIN CONTRACT ASSISTANCE ON THE RENTAL PROJECT IN TIME TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE REQUIREMENTS. WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND THE DG NICSMA HAS ASKED ME TO REQUEST FROM THE APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES THE USE OF MR. JOHN LIX, USDCFO, FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH TO HELP WITH THE REFINEMENT OF THE DOCUMENTATION ALREADY PRODUCED BY AFSOUTH SO THAT THE LATTER CAN BE UTILIZED AS THE BASIS FOR AN RFQ. NICSMA WILL OF COURSE PROVIDE PERSONNEL OF ITS OWN TO LEAD THE PROJECT.

7. QUOTE. I RECOGNIZE THAT UTILIZATION OF USDCFO PERSONNEL ON A TASK OF THIS NATURE COULD PERHAPS BE SEEN AS IN CONFLICT WITH PARAGRAPH 5.D. OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DG NICSMA AND THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY, WHICH PROVIDES THAT "USDCFO PERSONNEL ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WRITE NATO EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS THAT WILL BE USED AS CONTRACT INSTRUMENTS". HOWEVER THIS IS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE AND THE EQUIPMENT TO BE RENTED DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT PORTION OF THE NICS; MOREOVER THE REQUIREMENT ARISES AT A TIME WHEN ITS FULFILLMENT BY THE NICSMA PERSONNEL WOULD RESULT IN UNACCEPTABLE DELAYS IN THE EXECUTION OF THE NICS TARE PROJECT. FOR THIS REASON IT IS HOPED THAT THE US AUTHORITIES WOULD BE WILLING TO APPROVE THE USE OF MR. LIX ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FOR THE TASK.

8. QUOTE. DUE TO THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IF APPROVAL OF THIS POLICY EXCEPTION COULD BE PROVIDED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. END QUOTE.

9. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES THAT APPROVAL OF NICSMA REQUEST MIGHT ESTABLISH UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT BY MAKING EXCEPTION TO PARA 5D OF NICSMA/DCA MOU (PARA 7 ABOVE) AND COULD DETRACT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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FROM DCFO ABILITY TO CARRY OUT APPROVED TASKS. END COMMENT.
MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH DCFO WHO CONCUR WITH MISSION COMMENT. REQUEST WASHINGTON DECISION ON NICSMA REQUEST.
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